

Committee of the Whole (2) Report

DATE: Wednesday, May 12, 2021

WARD(S): ALL

TITLE: ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – RECRUITMENT OF ONE (1) CITIZEN MEMBER

FROM:

Wendy Law, Deputy City Manager, Administrative Services and City Solicitor

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To seek Council's direction with respect to recruiting one (1) citizen member to the Accessibility Advisory Committee in a vacancy caused due to the termination of membership of a member for lack of attendance at 3 or more consecutive meetings.

Report Highlights

- Sandra Longo's membership has been terminated for not attending 3 or more consecutive meetings.
- Council's direction is required to fill the resultant vacancy.

Recommendation

1. That the Office of the City Clerk be directed to recruit one (1) citizen member to the Accessibility Advisory Committee, utilizing the most cost-effective method/s possible.

Background

Section 7) of the City of Vaughan's Policy No. CL-005 – GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES FOR STATUTORY AND NON-STATUTORY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS states:

"If a member is absent from meetings of the Committee for three (3) consecutive regularly scheduled meetings, or in the opinion of the Committee if any member's absenteeism jeopardizes the objectives of the Committee, the Committee shall pass a resolution requesting Council to appoint a replacement member;"

At its meeting on April 27, 2021, the Accessibility Advisory Committee was advised that Sandra Longo had not attended 4 (four) consecutive meetings. The following recommendation was made:

- 1) That the membership of Sandra Longo be terminated due to lack of attendance; and
- 2) That Council be requested to provide direction to staff with respect to filling the vacancy, utilizing the most cost-effective method/s possible.

Previous Reports/Authority

Not applicable.

Analysis and Options

The City of Vaughan's Accessibility Advisory Committee has an overall mandate to advise Council to support the City's work in identifying and removing barriers to lay the foundation for a barrier-free, inclusive City.

The objectives of the Accessibility Advisory Committee are as follows:

- advise Council about the requirements and implementation of accessibility standards and the preparation of accessibility reports
- work on initiatives that promote accessibility
- assist in the preparation and implementation of the City's multi-year Accessibility Plan
- provide guidance, address and identify the needs of the community by the removal and prevention of barriers in the City of Vaughan's by-laws, facilities, policies, programs, practices, initiatives and services.

According to its Terms of Reference, the Accessibility Advisory Committee is composed of one (1) Member of Council and nine (9) citizen members. Members are appointed by Council, and any changes to the membership require Council approval.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact associated with this report.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

There are no Regional Impacts/Considerations associated with this report.

Conclusion

Council is requested to provide direction to staff with respect to recruiting one (1) citizen member to the Accessibility Advisory Committee to fill the vacancy caused due to the termination of membership of one member, utilizing the most cost-effective method/s possible.

For more information, please contact Todd Coles, City Clerk, Extension 8281

Attachments

None

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